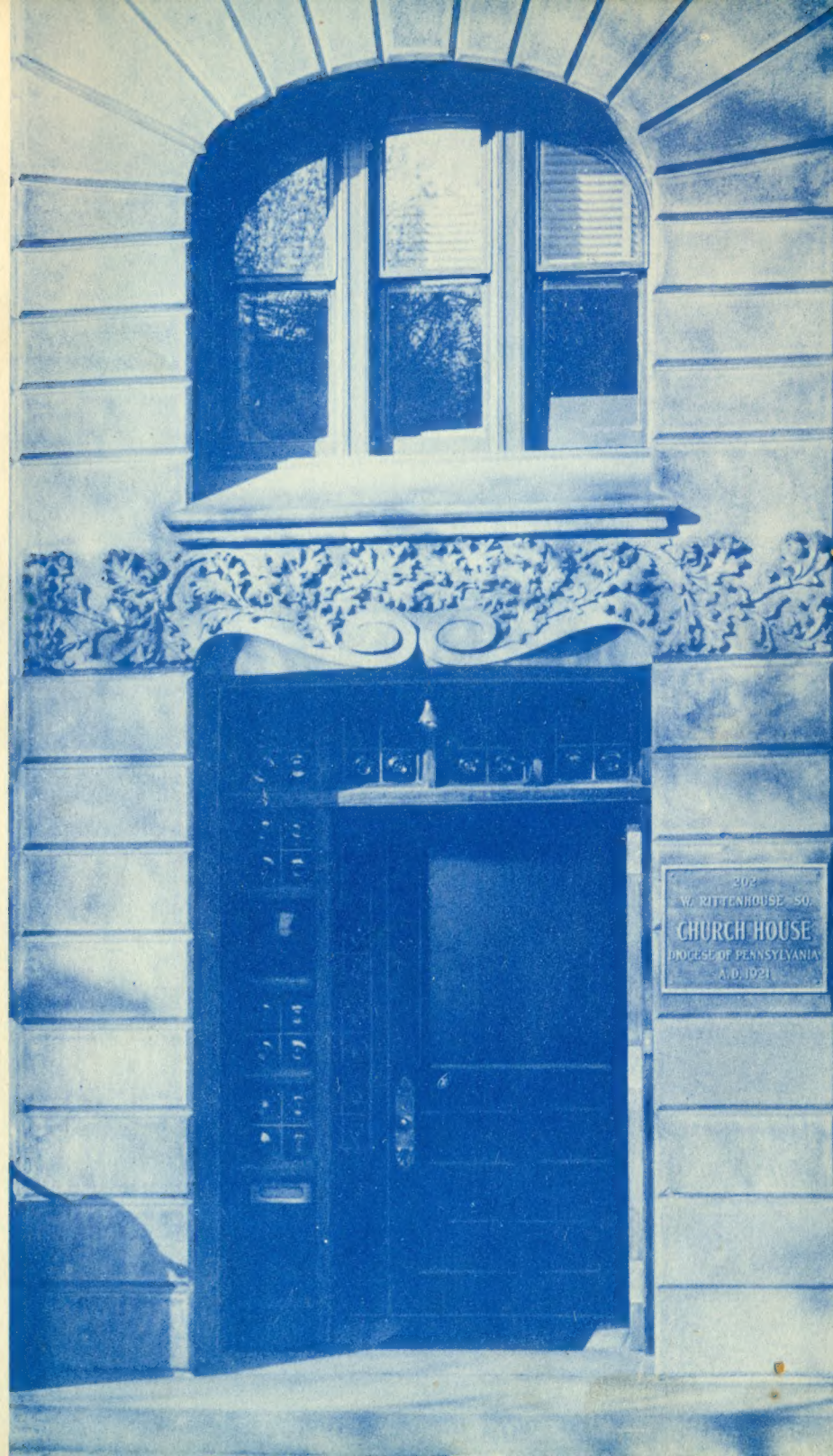
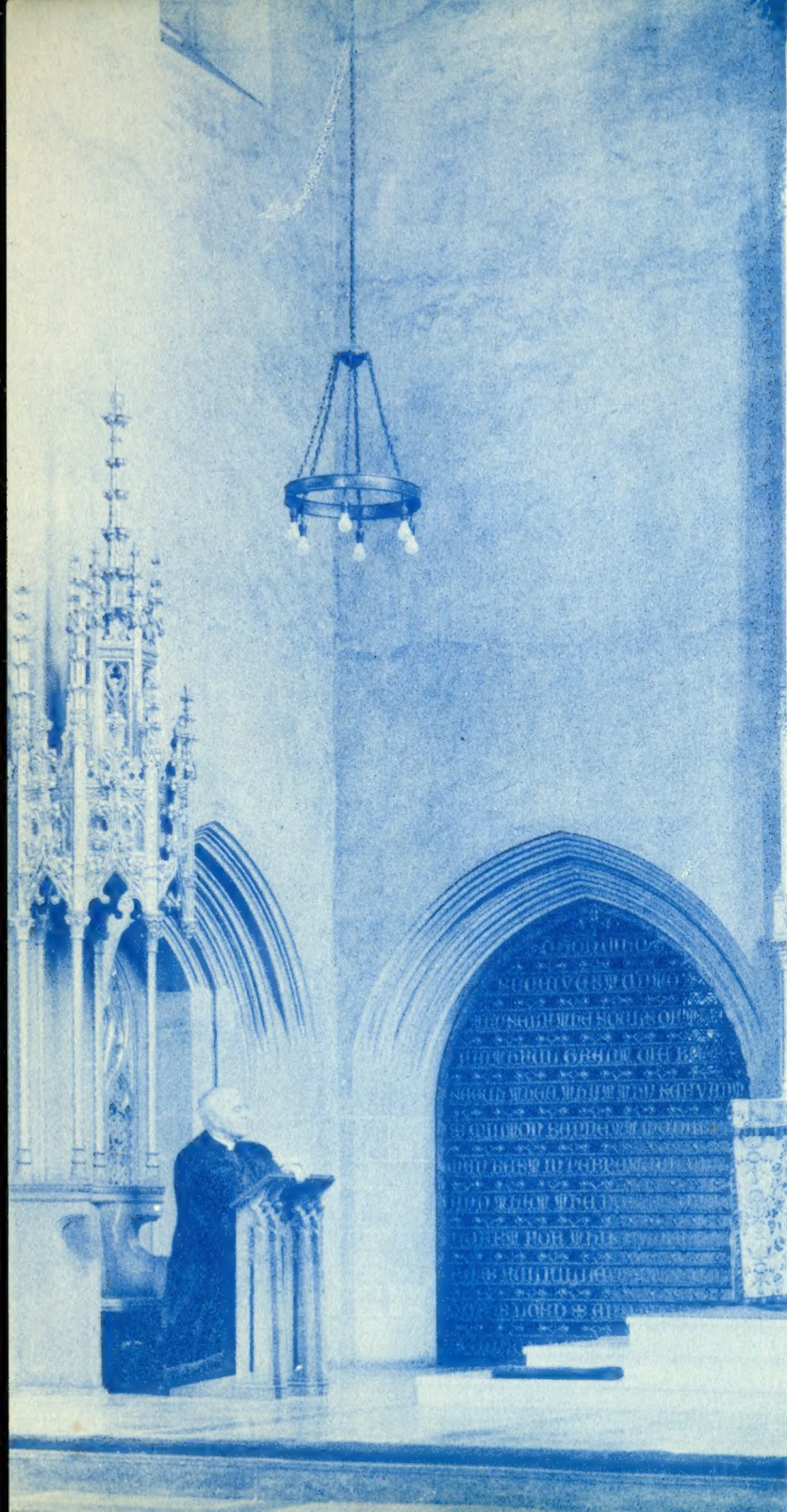


Adventure in Faith



The Diocese of Pennsylvania
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Let Us Pray

*A*lmighty Father, Who dost put into the hearts of Thy servants in every age the will to work for the extension of Thy Kingdom throughout the world, pour down, we beseech Thee, the abundance of Thy blessing upon our Diocesan Campaign for Capital Funds. Inspire all members of the Diocese, and all teachers, students and alumni of the Divinity School with a renewed sense of consecration.

Grant unto us all such a lively faith and such a generous spirit that we may worthily rise to these fresh opportunities for service to Thee in Thy Holy Church. Make us faithful laborers, both in the strengthening of our Divinity School and in the building of Thy Kingdom within this Diocese, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



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Members and Friends of the Diocese:

The Diocesan Campaign for Capital Funds was ordered by the 1956 Diocesan Convention. It has a two-fold purpose - to give us the needed funds to start new work, and to help some of our city parishes to meet adequately their present opportunities amidst changing conditions. We are seeking to raise \$755,000.00 for diocesan needs and \$500,000.00 for the Philadelphia Divinity School.

The needs of the Divinity School can be enumerated specifically and this is done elsewhere in this brochure. I have the conviction that it would be unwise for us to list the diocesan needs in any order of priority.

We could use immediately a much larger sum than the \$755,000.00 asked. Many have urged that we need twice that amount. I feel that the wisest course would be to allow the Executive Council to use whatever sum is raised in the way that seems best for the extension and strengthening of the Church.

I commend this appeal to the sacrificial giving of our people.

Your Bishop

Oliver J. Hart



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History of the Diocese

The first Episcopal Churches in Pennsylvania were started by missionaries from the Church of England. Old Christ Church was the first in 1695. About a dozen others were organized in early 1700.

After the American Revolution, in 1784, a group of these early Colonial Churches organized into the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Bishop White was consecrated in 1787 as the first Bishop. At that time the Diocese comprised the whole State of Pennsylvania. In 1865 the area around Pittsburgh became a separate Diocese, and in 1871 Central Pennsylvania Diocese separated, leaving the Diocese of Pennsylvania with the five counties, Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery.

In the 261 years since the Church first came to this area, three hundred Churches have been started. Some of these have passed out of existence or have combined with others, but in every period the Church has continued to grow.

The Episcopal Church has ministered to the community through its many institutions. Several Homes for Children were built. The Episcopal Hospital was started in 1852. The Philadelphia Divinity School was started in 1857. The first hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis was established in Chestnut Hill in 1877, now known as All Saints Hospital. We have our City Mission serving the physical as well as the spiritual needs of people since 1870. There is the Galilee Mission in operation for sixty years. We have several Homes for the Aged, Community Settlements, and other welfare and social agencies.

Several periods in the long history of the Diocese stand out with magnificent achievement, probably because the opportunity was ripe and the laborers were many. Now again the field is ripe for the harvest, and the call goes out for consecrated people today to achieve again what other Episcopalians did in the years gone by.

The Diocesan Needs

Delaware Valley, U.S.A., came into being when new industry, led by the United States Steel's Fairless Plant, moved into this area. Seven years ago in Lower Bucks County there were rolling hills and farms. Today there are hundreds upon hundreds of houses that are homes. The movement of people into this area, especially the five counties of our concern, continues and will continue for several years to come.

Here is situated Grace Church, Hulmeville (1837). Its facilities were inadequate to care for children attending Church School. Men of the Parish made concrete blocks and did a great deal of the actual construction that has more than doubled the teaching area. The new building is appraised at \$35,000 and was finished at a dollar cost of \$14,500 to the Diocese.

This kind of cooperation is heartening.

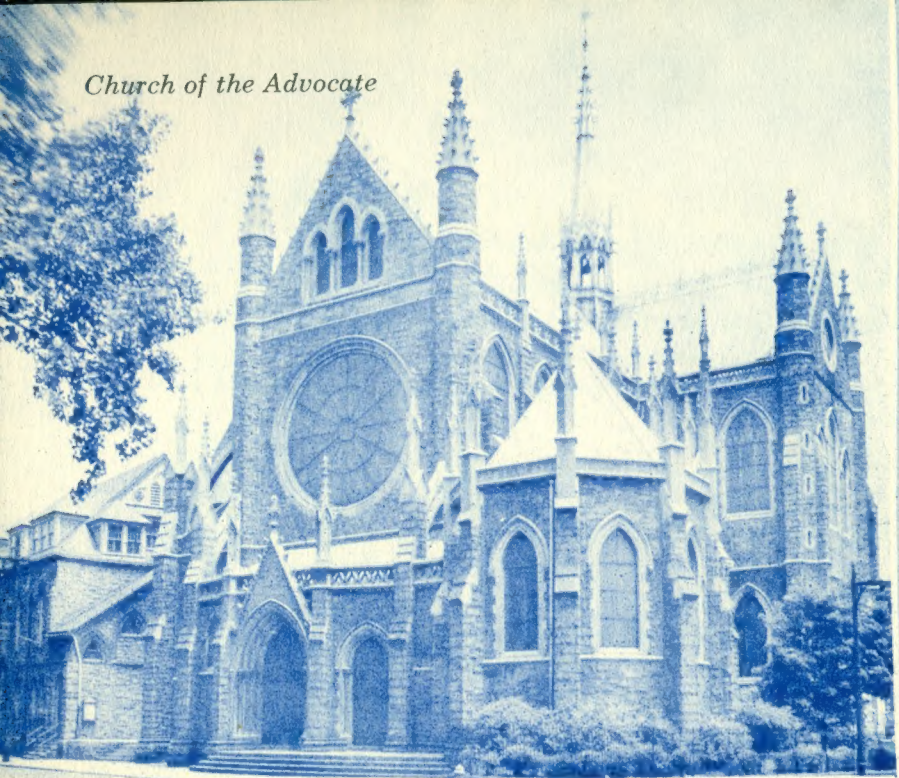
The picture on this page shows one more section of the Diocese that is currently being developed — the King of Prussia area. If we are to minister to the needs of these and other people we must build chapels and vicarages.

Where and when each new chapel is to be built is a matter for constant study by our Convocations and the Department of Missions in order that proper recommendations can be made to the Diocese in the Executive Council. It is to provide these new places of worship, almost all of which will become self-supporting parishes in time, that we need to have large capital funds available.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania is an Urban-Suburban



Church of the Advocate



much as anyone does. To minister to people one must meet them where their need is. We must show the city dweller of today that the Episcopal Church wants him and needs him even as he will later learn that he needs the Church. We do not know just how to do this but we are learning.

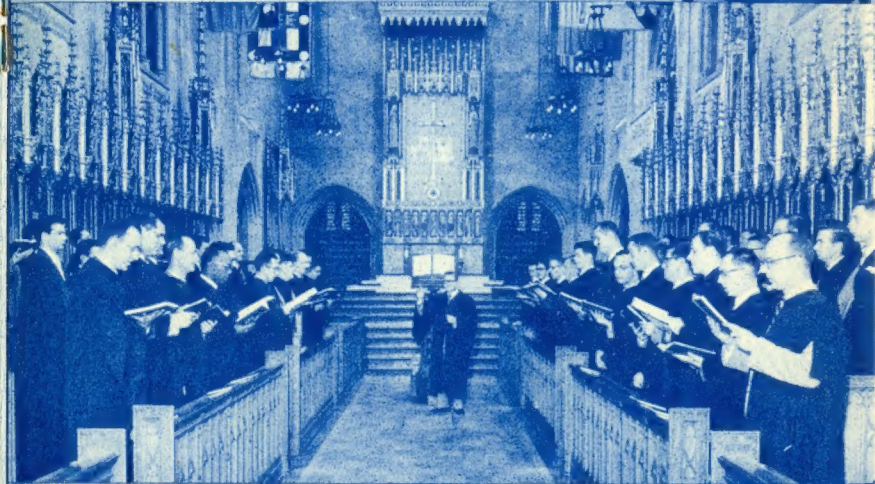
There is now an Urban-Industrial Division of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the National Council of our Church. That Division has chosen the Church of the Advocate to be one of its sixteen experimental — or pilot — parishes in the United States and has made two grants to enable the parish to expand its ministry to its neighborhood. The Diocese and two other parishes are participating.

It seems clear that if we are to minister to the millions of unchurched in Philadelphia and Chester we are going to need funds to implement the inadequate resources of some parishes in this area. The only way, at present, such parishes can obtain substantial aid is by becoming Missions. This money would be administered under most careful supervision.

Diocese. Fifty years ago our strong parishes were city parishes with large churches and large congregations. Then people began to move to the suburbs and build churches and chapels. Later more and more communicants moved to the suburbs and their large city houses were rented and sold. Today in a ten block square of Philadelphia, with 18th and Diamond Streets as the center, there are 140,000 people. These people need the Church and her ministry as



Grace Church, Hulmeville



The Divinity School

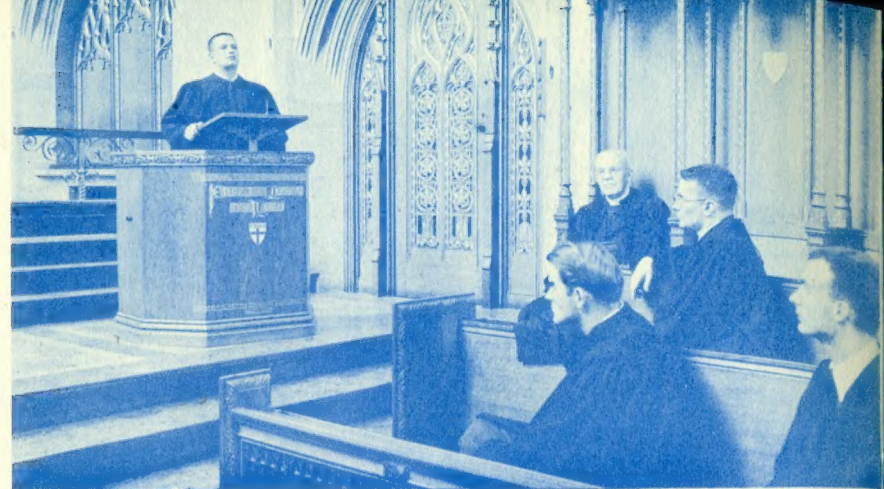
"Do the work of an Evangelist." II TIM. 4:5

Celebrating its Centennial Anniversary, the Philadelphia Divinity School looks back upon 100 years of service to Christianity and to the people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

These have been 100 years of dedicated progress, struggling to overcome problems of change and growth. These have been 100 years of challenge.

The challenge still exists as we look forward. There are vital needs, the greatest of which is the need for trained spiritual leaders.

To train these men better, we must recognize the limitations placed upon the present administration. There is urgent need for expansion of the library and its facilities. There is need for increased faculty salaries and endowment of a Professorship of Biblical Literature. There is need for a scholarship and a fellowship. Philadelphia has only one tenth of the endowments of the seminaries in New York and Virginia. Opportunities here for field work and clinical pastoral training are unlimited. Given the tools and the means, this School can build leaders for the future.



Our Plan

We have read about our needs. Now we must try to understand what we are going to do about these needs which are based upon careful planning by the administrators of the Diocese and by the heads of the Divinity School.

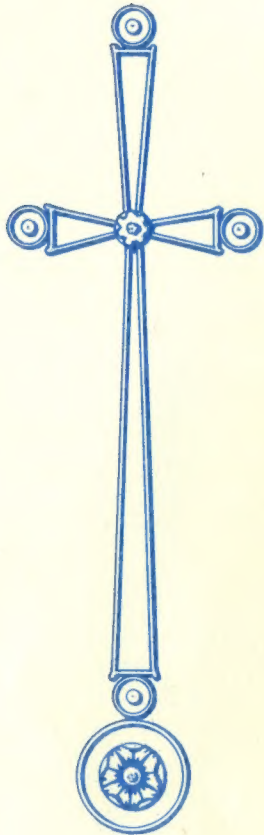
The "In Diocese" suburban and urban expansion and redevelopment plans are for help to the Parishes and Missions within our jurisdiction. This means establishment of new Missions in areas which have been recently developed and which need our church. It means also assistance for redevelopment in sections where there is no growth or where membership is decreasing. Some of our city churches find it difficult to maintain their membership when so many families are moving to the suburbs.

The \$500,000 which we are raising for the Divinity School is only part of the total need. The School is raising an additional \$250,000 from alumni and sources outside of the Diocese. This money will be used for physical expansion, increased salaries for faculty members, and scholarships and fellowships. All these are urgent needs for better training the men who will guide our spiritual lives.

We must recognize and provide for these needs. We must wisely and energetically prepare a road map for the future. This is planning today for tomorrow!



The Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, S.T.D.
Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania

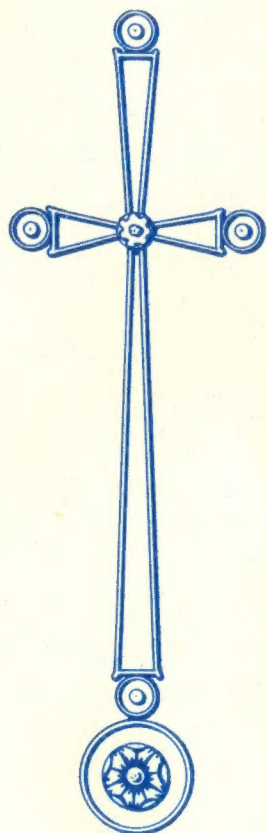


The Campaign Procedure

With foresight and consideration, members of the Executive Council reasoned that it would be burdening and difficult to run two campaigns at the same time. Therefore, they accepted the responsibility of raising \$500,000 for the Divinity School, added to it the need of \$755,000 for expansion and redevelopment within the Diocese, and set an over all goal of \$1,255,000 to be raised in one concentrated effort.

The campaign is being conducted in two parts. The first part will be concerned with Advance Gifts, the second part with Parish participation. Because of various factors, the Advance Gifts phase of the campaign essentially will be concluded before the end of 1956. This phase will include solicitation of families who can give substantially from capital, earned income, or securities. There will be no public or group solicitations.

The Parish participation phase will commence early in 1957 and should be completed by the end of March. The organization for the Parish participation will be developed through the Convocations, and men from the individual Parishes will serve on the various committees carrying out this work.



Your Responsibility

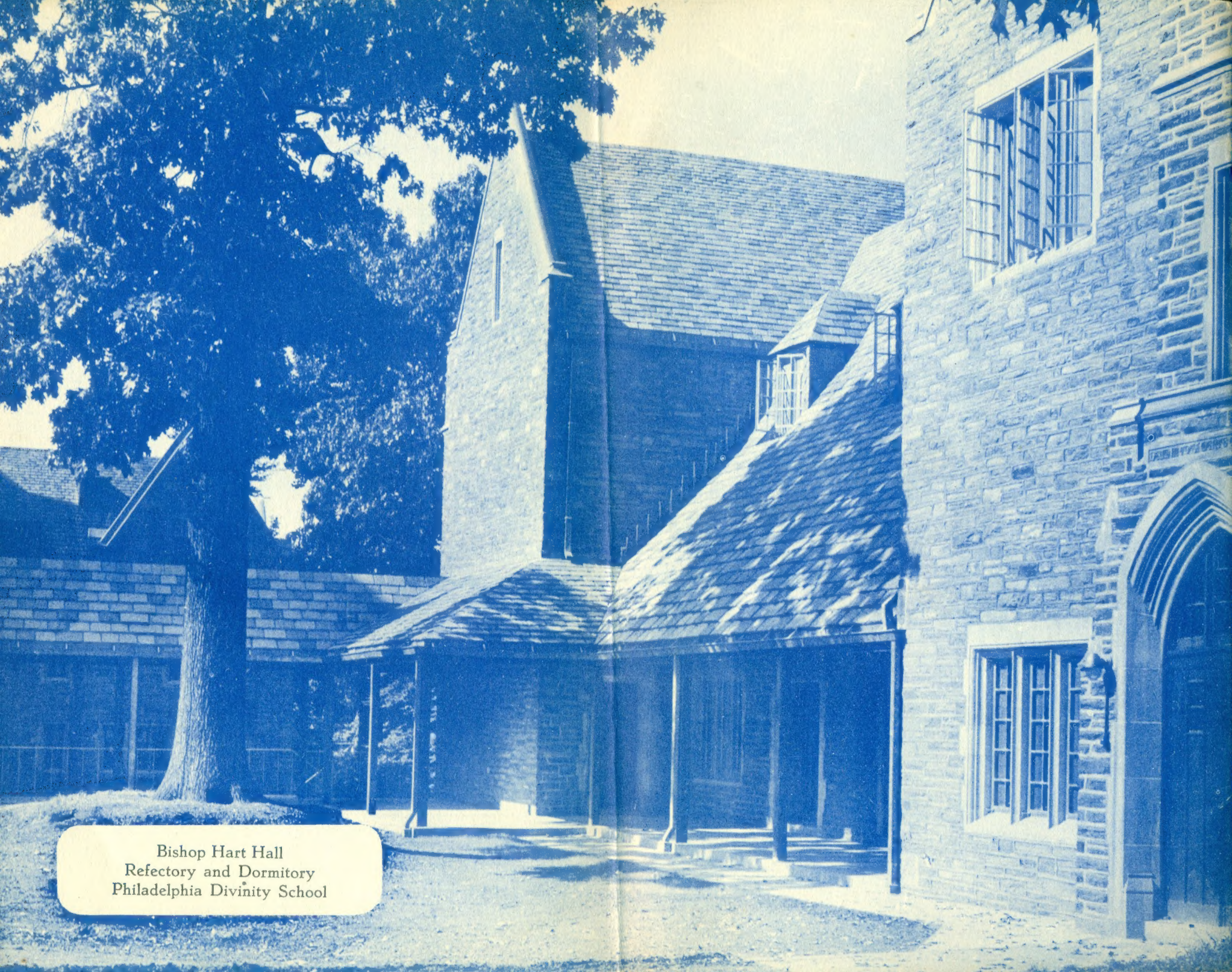
Because of these urgent needs, your Diocese is asking your help in a capital funds drive, the returns from which will be used entirely within our Diocese.

Some families will want to make a generous cash gift. Others may prefer to spread their giving over two or three years. Whichever fits your situation is the method of giving which you should use. Signing a pledge is not like signing a note. It is merely an indication of how much you feel you will be able to give.

Give generously. Do not let the fact that there is no high pressure solicitation deter you from giving the largest gift of your Christian life.

Keep one thing in mind. All the money which is raised, will be spent within the Diocese. Success is assured if you do your part!

**Whether your giving is from capital, earned income, or securities, the Federal tax structure is favorable to church donations. It provides for drastic tax relief for those who give to their churches. This gift by "Government" should be taken into consideration when you decide the amount of your pledge. In many cases the saving on taxes will amount to a great deal more than that which will come from your own resources.*



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